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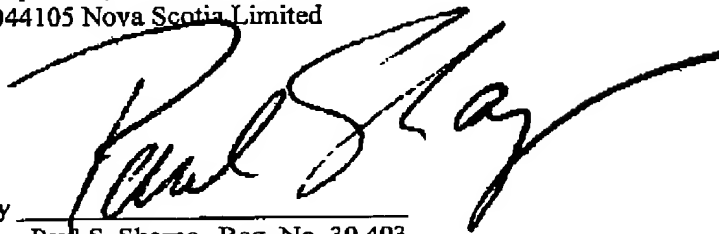
In re Application of: Brian HILLIER, et al.
Application No.: 09/892,615
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Title: ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM
AND METHOD
Assignee: 3044105 Nova Scotia Limited
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Examiner: Raquel Alvarez

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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed approximately 5 years ago, specifically on June 28, 2001, and we have not yet received an Office Action. This is Applicant's third inquiry as to the status of this case, and in view of the fact that issuance of an Office Action is long overdue, Applicant's agent respectfully requests that the necessary steps be taken to move forward with the application. In this regard, Applicant's agent would appreciate receiving a confirmatory telephone call.

Respectfully,
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